

**AN ORDINANCE
BY COUNCIL MEMBER CATHY WOOLARD**

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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE II SECTION 46-37 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA SO AS TO DELETE THE WORDS "RACE, RELIGION, CREED, AGE, MARITAL STATUS, SEX, OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR PLACE OF NATIONAL ORIGIN. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS CHAPTER, SEXUAL ORIENTATION SHALL MEAN THE STATE OF BEING HETEROSEXUAL, HOMOSEXUAL OR BISEXUAL" AND TO INSERT THE FOLLOWING WORDS IN LIEU THEREOF: "RACE, COLOR, CREED, RELIGION, SEX, DOMESTIC RELATIONSHIP STATUS, PARENTAL STATUS, FAMILIAL STATUS, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, NATIONAL ORIGIN, GENDER IDENTITY, AGE, OR DISABILITY;" TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta has a rich history in the civil rights movement and is rightfully considered one of the most progressive cities in the country regarding its policies ensuring equal rights for all its citizens; and

WHEREAS, there has never been a comprehensive review of the City's existing human rights ordinances, resulting in inconsistencies in coverage and definitions in various code sections.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE II SECTION 46-37 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES which currently reads as follows:

Sec. 46-37. Lease agreements.

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language which incorporates subsection (b) of this section pertaining to anti-discrimination and shall provide that a material violation of this section shall, at the option of the mayor or a designee, operate to void the contract and to terminate the event being held, should the mayor or a designee so declare.

(d) Surcharge on tickets. All contracts for the leasing of the Civic Center entered into shall contain language requiring the lessee to collect for and on behalf of the city a surcharge in the amount of \$1.00 for each ticket sold for admission to any event taking place at the Civic Center during such lease. No later than close of business on the first business day following the closing of the box office for each such event the lessee shall deliver to the director of the Civic Center or designee, by certified check or in cash, an amount equal to \$1.00 for each such ticket sold and a certified ticket sales manifest accurately reflecting the number of tickets sold and the surcharge due and paid. Such amounts shall be dedicated to Civic Center capital and noncapital improvements and shall be deposited in and accounted for in the trust fund.

(Code 1977, §§ 10-4001)

Discrimination generally, §§ 94-66 et seq.

Be amended by deleting the foregoing words "race, religion, creed, age, marital status, sex, or sexual orientation or place of national origin. For the purposes of this chapter, sexual orientation shall mean heterosexual, homosexual, or bisexual" and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

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